
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
EVALUATE ITS RULES RELATING TO STATE BEACH PARKS TO
DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING GREATER ACCESS FOR
PERSONS ACCOMPANIED BY PET ANIMALS.

1 WHEREAS, access to lands within the State's jurisdiction,
2 particularly beach parks, for pet animals and their owners is
3 relatively limited; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
6 currently prohibits pet animals in most beach parks under the
7 State's jurisdiction; and
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9 WHEREAS, on certain islands within the State, there are no
10 beach parks that allow access for pet animals; and
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12 WHEREAS, owners of pet animals are not adequately
13 considered as a class of user within state beach parks and it is
14 necessary to reevaluate access to state lands in this case; and
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16 WHEREAS, access for this class of user has been overlooked
17 and unaddressed in the past, leaving pet owners with limited
18 access to open public spaces where they may bring their pet
19 animals; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
24 Land and Natural Resources is requested to evaluate its rules
25 relating to state beach parks to determine the feasibility of
26 providing greater access for persons accompanied by pet animals;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
2 Natural Resources is requested to:

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- 4 (1) Identify state beach parks that may reasonably
5 accommodate pet animals;
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- 7 (2) Determine which species of pet animals may be
8 appropriately allowed within the state beach parks
9 identified pursuant to paragraph (1); and
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- 11 (3) Consider other factors that the Department deems
12 necessary; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
15 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of its
16 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
17 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
18 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
22 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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